

Geodata Alliance Organizational Initiative

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Tim Case is a Senior GIS Analyst for Parsons Brinckerhoff Quade and Douglas, Inc, where he has provided leadership both for spatial data development, use and distribution and for the company’s corporate-wide GIS network. He was a central force in the successful development of the Maine GIS User Group and the New England GIS Conference, and has worked closely with local and state leadership to advance geospatial data implementation in support of economic development and environmental quality.

Claudia Haack-Benedict is GIS Manager for Fort Collins, Colorado, in which capacity she is responsible for development of an organization-wide GIS and its day-to-day operations, including policy development, data development and maintenance, quality control, and customer, vendor and external agency contacts. She has ten years experience as a city planner in Europe and is a certified trainer for Total Quality Management.

Francis Harvey is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Geography at the University of Kentucky. His current GIS work focuses on questions of integration, interoperability and participation, while previous research engaged cultural and organizational issues that impact data sharing and GIS design and implementation. Prior to joining the University of Kentucky, he served as a Lecturer and Researcher for the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology.

Will Hopkins is Founder and Executive Director of the Cobscook Bay Resource Center in Eastport, Maine. Its mission is to encourage and strengthen community-based approaches to resource management and sustainable economic development in The Cobscook Bay Region, the Bay of Fundy and the Gulf of Maine. He also serves as a consultant to the Kendall Foundation, helped form the Northwest Atlantic Marine Alliance, and was a partner in the FGDC-funded project “Spatial Data Institutions and Community Building in Coastal Maine.”

Bert J. Jarreau is Chief Technology Officer for the National Association of Counties and is responsible for providing technology strategy and leadership for 3,066 counties across the United States. He has 19 years of diverse information systems and technology experience with the US Air Force, Electronic Data Systems Corporation, Ford Motor Company, Ford Motor Land Services Corporation, NVR Inc., and the National Association of Counties, with in-depth

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Randy Johnson is a Commissioner for Hennepin County, Minnesota, the 13th largest of the nation's nearly 3,100 counties, and also serves on the Steering Committee of the Federal Geographic Data Committee. He is a member of the Policy Board of the Metropolitan (MN) GIS and was past president of the National Association of Counties, in which capacity he strongly emphasized GIS applications for policymakers.

Randall Johnson is Staff Coordinator for MetroGIS, a multi-participant GIS initiative. MetroGIS is helping local governments and other organizations serving the seven-county Twin Cities Metropolitan Area more effectively carry out their business operations and manage costs through sharing data and collaboratively addressing other GIS-related needs. The vision which guides MetroGIS, forged through an intensive consensus-building process, is to provide an ongoing, stakeholder-governed, metro-wide mechanism through which participants easily and equitably share geographically referenced graphic and associated attribute data that are accurate, current, secure, of common benefit, and readily useable.

Susan Carson Lambert is President-Elect of the National States Geographic Information Council and Executive Director of the Kentucky Office of GIS. The KYOGIS promotes the collaboration, sharing and use of geographic information resources within state government to more efficiently and effectively address problems and support decision-making processes. She worked as a cartographer and geographer in the United States Geological Survey's Water Resources Division for 12 years, where she served on the Framework Working Group of the Federal Geographic Data Committee.

John Moeller is Staff Director of the Federal Geographic Data Committee. The Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) is an interagency committee that promotes the coordinated development, use, sharing, and dissemination of geospatial data on a national basis. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) established the FGDC in its 1990 revision of Circular A-16, "Coordination of Surveying, Mapping, and Related Spatial Data Activities." The FGDC is composed of representatives from 17 Cabinet level and independent Federal agencies. Currently, Secretary Bruce Babbitt of the Department of the Interior chairs the FGDC.

Jeanne Murday is Manager of Regional Offices for ESRI, for more than 30 years one of the leading providers of geographic information system (GIS) software. ESRI technology is used by more than 220,000 clients worldwide, including most federal agencies, national mapping agencies, 45 of the top 50 petroleum companies, most forestry companies, and many others in dozens of industries. ESRI works closely with major technology partners, large data providers, and more than 700 developers and value-added software.

R. Bruce Oswald is Project Director for the New York State Office for Technology. He established a GIS Coordination Program in New York and led the collaborative development of an award-winning state GIS Clearinghouse and NYS GIS Data Sharing Cooperative. During the last year he was responsible for providing all logistical support for New York's Year 2000

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Emergency Preparedness Task Force, and also served on the Governor's Task Force on Information Resource Management.

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Robbie Rand is Coordinator of Global Change Data and Information Management for the US Department of Agriculture. She is the Project Manager of AGROS, a USDA management system designed to meet the need for delivering accurate, timely and easily-accessible ecosystem data and information to a wide variety of internet users. She has served on the staff of the National Agricultural Library since 1987 and designed and managed ISIS, the National Agricultural Library's Integrated Library System.

Gene Thorley now serves as the United States Geological Survey National Mapping Division (NMD) liaison for Washington State. He provides liaison both for NMD mapping activities and for information related to geology, biology and water sciences. Gene has worked in private industry, government and university research programs, and in 1988 received the Department of the Interior's Distinguished Service Award for his contributions as a research scientist, principal advisor and executive administrator. Prior to assuming his current post, he served as chief of the NMD Office of External Affairs and was a driving force behind the National Spatial Data Infrastructure and Federal Geographic Data Committee activities.

CloAnn Villegas is Vice-Chairman of the Inter-Tribal GIS Council, a nonprofit organization which serves as liaison for the Federal Government and the Tribes in Indian Country. For 15 years she has worked for the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes Natural Resources Department as a computer systems manager. She was active in the Bureau of Indian Affairs Geographic Data Service Center efforts to implement a comprehensive GIS tool for the Tribes in Indian Country.

The Chaordic Alliance Team

Dee W. Hock is the founder and CEO emeritus of Visa International, a decentralized, non-stock, for-profit membership institution owned by financial institutions throughout the world. In 1984, Mr. Hock left the VISA organization to pursue his lifelong interest in the evolution of institutions and management practices in the 21st century. He presently serves as Coordinating Director of The Chaordic Alliance, a nonprofit organization he founded in 1994 to develop, disseminate and implement new concepts of organization that more equitably distribute power and wealth and that are more compatible with the the human spirit and biosphere. He is the author of *Birth of the Chaordic Age* (Berrett-Koehler, 1999).

Steven L. Hock joined the law firm of Thelen, Reid & Priest LLP in 1977 and practiced as a trial lawyer for twenty years, specializing in disputes in the information technology industry. In 1992, he was elected Managing Partner of Thelen, responsible for nationwide operations and

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strategic direction for the firm. Upon expiration of his five-year term, he chose to become Of Counsel to Thelen in order to found and become President and CEO of Triaxsys Research LLC, an interdisciplinary think tank conducting primary research into the organizational, technological, legal and financial aspects of major information technology challenges.

Thomas J. Hurley presently serves as Managing Director of The Chaordic Alliance. He has more than 18 years of experience in nonprofit management and program development in the independent sector. Prior to joining TCA, he served on the senior management team and Board of Directors of the Institute of Noetic Sciences, where he developed scientific research programs on mind-body health, designed educational initiatives and led a multidisciplinary effort to create scenarios for sustainable global development.

Kenneth C. O'Brien is formerly CEO and President of R.W. Beck, a consulting engineering firm serving the utility industry, the financial community and several branches of government throughout the United States and in several other countries. He presently serves as Director of Management Advisory Services. He also heads a small team developing business applications of complexity theory. In this capacity he has developed partnerships with the Santa Fe Center for Emergent Strategies and The Chaordic Alliance.

Project Manager

Kathy Covert has served as Partnership Coordinator for the Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) since 1995. She was Project Manager for the 1999 National GeoData Forum and in 1998 led the development of the FGDC-endorsed policy on open access and personal information privacy. She worked as a cartographer in the United States Geological Survey's National Mapping Division for 20 years, where she developed geospatial data development partnerships with Federal, State, local and academic organizations.